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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 26, 2004.  
 Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by  
 Rassen et al. (U.S. 6,189,004).

Claims 1-4, and 7-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being  
 unpatentable over Rassen et al. (U.S. 6,189,004) in view of Cochrane et al. (U.S.  
 6,532,470).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the following  
 comments.